

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Attorney Docket No.: Q54388
U.S. Application No.: 09/576,957

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 6, 8-14 and 29 will be all the claims pending in the present application. Claims 1-5, 7 and 15-28 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or continuation application directed to the cancelled subject matter. Claims 8, 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 6 and new claim 29, which depends from claim 6, has been added. New claim 29 corresponds to original claim 7, but rewritten to depend from claim 6.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 6 is allowable. In this regard, claims 8-14 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 6 and new claim 29 depends directly from claim 6. Since claim 6 is allowable, Applicants submit that claims 8-14 and new claim 29 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 6.

Applicants respectfully submit that with the entry of the proposed amendments, the present application will be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee and

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the Publication Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5, 7 and 15-28 have been canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

8. (twice amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim [1 or 2] 6, wherein a solution of a heat resistant resin or a precursor thereof is used as the masking material solution.

11. (twice amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim [1 or 2] 6, where the metal material having valve action is a metal material selected from the group consisting of aluminum, tantalum, niobium, titanium, zirconium and an alloy thereof.

12. (twice amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim [1 or 2] 6, where the solid electrolyte is a polymer solid electrolyte containing as a repeating unit at least one of a divalent group of any of pyrrole, thiophene, aniline and furan, or any substituted derivative thereof.

New claim 29 has been added.